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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Knoxville, Tennessee is a community that offers a deep sense of history, fantastic eco-tourism opportunities, a thriving art and cultural scene, a zoo, and some of the nation's best college athletics teams. Add to that mix outstanding restaurants and bars, as well as a lively music scene, and you will quickly understand the enticement of doing business in Knoxville.

The Knoxville Chamber represents more than 2,000 member businesses, and we are writing in support of New Charter – the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. At the Chamber, we strive to help our member businesses stay competitive, and New Charter would provide affordable, high-quality broadband to allow these companies the chance to do so.

New Charter will create much-needed competition in the commercial sector, with investments of at least \$2.5 billion in the build-out of networks into commercial areas within the footprint beyond where they currently operate.

The workforce today is different than it has been in the past, with people depending on technology to compete and many workers moving beyond traditional office settings. As the model of working remotely - from homes to coffee shops and beyond - becomes more common, our businesses deserve the best tools to meet these needs. New Charter plans to invest significantly in both in-home and out-of-home WiFi, and will increase competition in the mobile data market by deploying over 300,000 out-of-home WiFi access points.

The Knoxville Chamber is committed to helping our member companies thrive. Over 80% of our members are small businesses, and they deserve the very best to help them compete in a competitive business environment. On their behalf I ask that the FCC supports New Charter.

Sincerely,

Michael Edwards
President/CEO

